MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know how Government understands how certain people take interest in certain matters so that they may be able to appoint them in such Boards?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government will use their common sense and find out whether a man is taking special interest in the economic development of the country.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, something was referred to common sense. I did not understand that. If the member speaks louder all of us can hear.

PRESIDENT: He is not a member of the Bar.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it is the opiuion of the Government that in proportion to the increase in the number in the Board, the activities of the Board also will increase·

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have already said so.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is it the opinion of Government.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Then, may I know, Sir, why Government are satisfied with restricting the number to 13: why not they increase the number?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government consider that activities of 13 men are sufficient for the present.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to undsrstand, Sir, that Government are against the increased activity in the economic development of the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, not at all.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether they are satisfied with the present activity obtained in the State?

MR. T C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is it the opinion of Government, Sir?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member how many sittings the Board had this year?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether all those who come forward will be appointed as members of the Board?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thruvalla III*): Sir, from the nature of the answer given by the Government member it is found that no lady member has come forward and therefore was not appointed to the Board.

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PRESIDENT: Yes. the explanation is, if a qualified lady member comes forward Government will consider her appointment to the Board. You need not carry supplementary questions to that length.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I take it that Government are prepared to appoint all qualified ladies in case they come forward?

PRESIDENT: Perhaps the Government member would have done better if instead of using the words 'come forwaad' he had used the word 'available'. Then all these supplementary questions could have been avoided.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is it the view of Government that there is no properly qualified lady in Travancore fit to occupy a seat in the Economic Development Board?

PRESIDENT: Have you ascertained that fact Mr. Thommen? Answer the question please.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is it because that the Government did not happen to know that there is any qualified lady member that the lady member's claim was not considered or because no lady member applied to be a member of the Economic Development Board. That is what I wanted to know.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At the time the Board was constituted, Government did not find any lady member available for appointment.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know what the member means by the expression 'available'?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government did not find any lady properly qualified for being appointed as a member of the Board.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Did the Government ever consult the ladies of the land whether they are willing to serve on the Board?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government did not find anybody to whom reference may be made.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I take it that the Government considered the question and made enquiries.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say Government made any specific enquiries. Government did not find any properly qualified lady and so did not take action.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know from the member the qualifications prescribed for the post?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have already mentioned that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know from the member whether the Economic Development of the State has suffered by the absence of a lady member on the Board?

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PRESIDENT : Let Mr. Thommen answer that question.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

Clerk-Volunteers in the Anchal Department.

63. * **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of clerk-volunteers in the Anchal Department who have passed the departmental test examination and who are acting as temporary clerks or masters on 1-1-1110 ;

(*b*) the total number of new appointments made between 1-1-1110 and 1-8-1110 in the vacancies of clerks and masters on Rs. 20 ;

(*c*) whether any person not included in the number referred to in part (*a*) has been appointed in the vacancies referred to in part (*b*) when the clerk-volunteers were available ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reason for granting exemption to those who have not passed the departmental test when those who have the necessary qualification and legitimate claims were available ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 14.

(*b*) 4.

(*c*) Yes. Two persons.

(*d*) Because they were Graduates and Anchal Test Examination was not held since 1103.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know what were the special qualifications of these two graduates who were preferred to clerk-volunteers who were available ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There were no special qualifications ; one of the two was a lady graduate.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : And the other ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Naturally a male graduate.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know what is the reason for preferring these two graduates when a number of clerk-volunteers who had served the Department were available.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The others were not graduates.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Who were not graduates ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The other clerk-volunteers.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand, Sir, that when clerk-volunteers and graduates are available, Government prefer graduates to the clerk-volunteers in making appointments ?

PRESIDENT : You want to know whether that will be a general policy.

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No, not the general policy.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know why these two graduates were appointed when clerk-volunteers were available ?

PRESIDENT : We have to confine ourselves not to these two graduates but to the general policy followed in the Department.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The two graduates were specially recommended by the Head of the Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the reasons why they were specially recommended when clerk-volunteers with superior claims were available?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : They were graduates, the others were not.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand that when graduates apply the claims of clerk volunteers are not taken into account ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Not always, but in this particular case it was done so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the reasons for doing so.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : They were recommended by the Head of the Department and Government sanctioned the recommendation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What were the reasons adduced for deviating from the usual rules in making that recommendation.

PRESIDENT : What is the usual rule ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : The usual rule is that clerk-volunteers should be appointed.

PRESIDENT : First of all state the rule and then ask why did he violate it.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Head of the Department recommended that these two graduates should be appointed and Government sanctioned their appointment.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it not usual to appoint clerk-volunteers in preference to those who have not acted or who have not served in the Department ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Not always.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand that these clerk-volunteers have no special claims?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Their claims will be considered in the usual course, but in certain cases exceptions will be made.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether those exceptions were made for special reasons ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know what those special reasons are ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In this particular case they were graduates, and the Head of the Department considered that the appointment of graduates was necessary in the interests of efficiency.

PRESIDENT: You wanted to ask something, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the recommendations of the Head of the Department in violation of the existing rule will always weigh with Government?

PRESIDENT: That question has been asked. You should not assume things and pursue the question.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether ordinarily clerk volunteers will have to be appointed when vacancies arise?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, ordinarily.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know the special reasons for violating the existing rule in the present case?

PRESIDENT: He has already stated that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the reasons why considerations of efficiency were the determining factor in this particular case?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): When Heads of Departments make recommendations such recommendations are considered by Government. In this particular case the recommendation was in consideration of efficiency. Government agreed to the recommendation and sanctioned the appointments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government in similar circumstances will consider the question of efficiency always?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. Each case will be considered on its own merit.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Then may I know whether considerations of efficiency will crop up only at particular moments and not always?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Efficiency and many other items will be considered when making appointments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to take it from the member that not only the consideration of efficiency but other considerations also weighed with Government in the selection of these two graduate clerks? May I know what are the other considerations?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have always said, on considerations of efficiency.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the names of the candidates?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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